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Letter dated 10 March 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the French and English versions of a statement of the European Union on the Middle East (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 34 and 35, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

[Original: English and French]

Statement on the Middle East made by the European Union

Whereas the recent tragic events in Hebron, which the European Union has already condemned, should not interrupt the peace process in the Middle East, the Council of the European Union:

1. Encourages the resumption of the peace process negotiations between all parties and appeals to the Security Council to adopt an appropriate resolution swiftly;

2. While welcoming the measures recently adopted by the Government of Israel to ensure the safety of Palestinians, notes that Israel is responsible for the safety and protection of all inhabitants in the occupied territories;

3. Appeals to the parties to discuss the question of the safety of Palestinians, including the issue of certain settlements, and to agree on appropriate measures;

4. Supports the establishment, by the Security Council, in the occupied territories of an international presence in which the European Union declares its willingness to participate.